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Corrigendum

Section entitled "United Nations system"

After paragraph 3, add the following new paragraphs and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

4. The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) noted that its core work was guided by the Habitat Agenda and other international instruments and frameworks related to development and human rights. Habitat further noted that the concerns of indigenous peoples are increasingly taking on an urban dimension with rapidly increasing urbanization creating a clash of cultures, and that this is particularly impacting on indigenous women and children, who face formidable challenges in their quest to retain their traditional cultures. UN-Habitat also discussed three initiatives, including the Global Campaign on Urban Governance, the Global Campaign for Secure Tenure and the United Nations Housing Rights Programme, which impact specifically on indigenous peoples. The United Nations Housing Programme is conducting a study and has circulated a questionnaire, in partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, to focus on the specific needs of indigenous peoples, especially indigenous women and children. The study is expected to be completed in 2003.

5. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) discussed its work as the United Nations global development network and the importance of the Millennium Development Goals as a framework for development addressing such crucial issues as eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing child mortality and building a global partnership for development. UNDP recognizes that ensuring the engagement of indigenous peoples is critical in preventing and

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resolving conflict, enhancing democratic governance, reducing poverty and sustainably managing the environment. UNDP also held a round table on indigenous peoples' perspectives on the Goals, which was co-sponsored by the Tebtebba Foundation of the Philippines, to strengthen its partnerships with and the participation of indigenous peoples.